

THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1888.

FOR EASTERN MONEY ON LONG TIME LOAN, AT LOWEST RATES, APPLY TO KILGORE & HOWELL, LOAN AGENTS, MEXICO, MO.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—COUNTY OFFICES.

LEGISLATURE.

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AN INTERESTING SESSION.

The Old City Officers Give Way to the New—Bassford's Address—Appointments.

There was not half enough seats in the Council chamber when the old members were rapped to order at 7:30 Monday, and as a consequence the walls of the room were lined with standing spectators. The year's business had been wound up at numerous special meetings, the last of which was held yesterday afternoon, leaving the old Council nothing to do but listen to the reading of the minutes and then give way to the officers elected to fill their places for a year to come.

Mr. Bassford, the newly elected Mayor, was the first to be sworn, after which Ex-Mayor Hisey gracefully gave up his seat to his successor in a few well-chosen words. The Aldermen were sworn together and Recorder Tomlinson accepted his seat by swearing Mr. J. M. Riley, who succeeded him. The old Aldermen passed quietly out of the new took their seats and were called to order for the first time. The new Mayor then addressed the Council briefly, as follows:

On assuming the duties of Mayor of this city I fully appreciate the responsibility resting upon me. But when I look into the faces of those who are to be associated with me for a year to come, and knowing as I do their business qualifications and honesty of purpose, I feel that we can at least maintain the advancement made by our worthy predecessors; and I hope that we may not only do this, but take several steps forward. You are well aware that we can only expend during the year an amount equal to the revenue collected, and we are consequently forced to economize. The matter for our consideration is this: How is this limited amount of money to be used? I would recommend that all

improvements on the streets or elsewhere be made of a substantial character, and as to effect most public good. I expect from time to time to make recommendations for your consideration, hence I will not go over the entire ground now.

I think the present system of lighting the city cannot be improved upon; the only thing to consider is the possibility of securing a reduction in the price of the service. We must take no backward steps.

THE WATER-WORKS IMBROGLIO.

The city is now involved in a lawsuit with the Water-works Company, which, for the time being, is practically out of the city's hands, and well looked after by our attorneys and his associates. During your term of office some action on your part will probably be necessary. When that time comes let me admonish you, be careful. This is a matter of vital importance to our citizens and I doubt not that you will never lose sight of the fact that you are their servants.

OUR PUBLIC PARKS.

I want to say a word with reference to our public parks, more especially the beautiful gift of our honored and progressive citizen, Gov. C. H. Hardin, whose name it bears. Let me ask you that appropriations be made from time to time for its improvement. We cannot show too much appreciation of such a gift as Hardin Park.

STREET FAKERS.

In my opinion, all existing ordinances granting the peddling of street sales of various kinds of merchandise by the class made up of persons known as "fakers" should be repealed. They are in direct conflict with the best interests of our citizens, more especially the merchants. While a small revenue is derived from this source it is best to protect those of our population who are always with us and who have done so much to uphold our city, the business men.

CONDITION OF THE STREETS.

I have heard frequent complaints by some of our manufacturers that the condition of several streets is such that the transportation of fuel and product from one part of the city to another is impossible. It is important that this difficulty should be overcome. Our manufacturing enterprises must be carefully fostered and encouraged, and no stone should be left unturned that they may have smooth sailing. We have a fair prospect of securing another railroad in the near future, and together with other enterprises of equal importance, let us show to those in charge of these projects that while we are helpless as a city to give them aid, we welcome them. Go out and take them by the hand, and when once among us our people will see to it individually that no enterprise shall fail for want of encouragement. This is a critical period in the city's history and firm, decided action on the part of our citizens is needed. I believe you are fully aroused to the importance of a long, strong pull together.

In conclusion, let me ask you to work harmoniously, having but one common purpose, the good and advancement of Mexico. Upon you I feel impelled to say, our destiny rests, and with an effort on our part and a merciful Providence to guide us, we are bound to succeed.

The Mayor then announced the following Committee:

Ways and means—R. B. Arnold, A. C. Hitt, G. L. Ferris.

Claims—G. L. Ferris, R. B. Arnold, R. B. Worrell.

Streets and alleys—F. P. Turner, A. C. Hitt, G. L. Ferris.

Printing—A. C. Hitt, Wm. Angle, F. P. Turner.

Building—Wm. Angle, R. B. Worrell, R. B. Arnold.

Unfinished business—R. B. Worrell, Wm. Angle, F. P. Turner.

After the announcement of the committees the Council went into executive session for the appointment of officers. In several instances while the appointments were being made a number of ballots were taken before a selection could be reached, but some of the officers were chosen upon the first casting of the votes. Following are the appointed officers for the

ensuing year, and it will be seen that only one change was made, Dr. J. R. Fritts being selected City Physician in place of Dr. G. H. Nichols:

Street Commissioner, R. S. McKinney.

Surveyor, Charles D. Rodgers.

Two night police, James R. Marshall and Joshua T. Buntun.

Treasurer, Flavell V. Gentry.

Assessor, Isaac French.

Physician, Dr. J. R. Fritts.

Two weighers, R. T. Stockton and P. T. Kelly.

Park Commissioner, John J. Steele.

Cemetery Sexton, Benj. F. Bradley.

Robert R. Arnold was made chairman of the Council.

The bond of Recorder Riley was approved.

Mr. Ferris and Mr. Arnold were appointed a committee to transfer the delinquent tax books to the collector Lane, after which the new custodians of the city's interests adjourned to meet Monday evening, the 23rd.

A NEW FIRM.

New Goods and New Building—One of the Strongest and Best Firms in the State.

Messrs. Turner, Jackson & Co. are now open and ready for business in their new store on the East Side of the Public Square. This firm is composed of A. G. Turner, late of the firm of Harper & Turner, A. D. Jackson, late of the firm of Jackson & Massey, and Joseph A. Potts, a leading capitalist of this city. Their clerks are all first-class business men and clever gentlemen and we know of no stronger firm in the West than that of Turner, Jackson & Potts. They are located in their new store, which is one of the most complete in the city, and would be pleased to see all of their friends from every part of the country, no matter whether they want to buy or not. This firm proposes to do business on the principle of "live and let live" and "quick sales and small profits." They solicit a share of the public patronage, always guaranteeing that a purchaser can do no better for the money.

where else in Mexico or in any other town. Each department is complete and distinct, being under the exclusive management of a competent salesman, and no matter with which department you desire to do business your wants will be promptly, courteously and carefully attended to. This business house is well located on the East Side and, having been just rebuilt, is one of the most elegant and convenient establishments in Mexico. A general stock will be kept, divided into several departments. On the first floor a fine line of dry goods in the front and groceries in the rear will be kept. The gentlemen's furnishing and clothing department will be on the second floor. A passenger elevator, operated by water power, will be put in at once. From the plate glass front to the rear of the store the furnishings are of the finest kind. The store, in short, is a model.

Besides the proprietors, A. G. Turner, J. A. Potts and A. D. Jackson, there will be employed in this store At. Brown, Frank Turner, Ennis Myers and Riley Marshall. They are all experienced business men, Mr. Frank Turner having long been identified with the mercantile interests of Mexico. Mr. Myers has for years been with Harper & Turner, while Messrs. Brown and Marshall have been in the employ of Mr. Jackson for several months.

A very pleasant wedding occurred at the residence of the father of the bride, J. W. Clement Esq., yesterday evening, April 10, the contracting parties being Wm. Derringer, of Montgomery county, and Miss Ella Clement. A sumptuous supper was prepared. A few friends were present, and it was altogether a very enjoyable occasion. Mexico loses one of her most lovely young ladies; success attend them.

Harper & Rixey have just received an immense stock of dry goods. This enterprising firm still occupies its large store in the Harper Block and will make low rates on anything in the dry goods or grocery line. Messrs. Freedland and Henderson and Miss Belle Inlow are still with this firm.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give one of their delightful parlor entertainments at the residence of Mrs. W. O. Forrist, No. 220 East Liberty street, Friday evening. Admission 15 cents, including refreshments.

John Torreyson, of Martinsburg, has been talked of as a candidate for Sheriff or for the Legislature.

Eld. S. M. Martin has been appointed State Evangelist for the Christian Church. He will make a good one.

Miss Helen Blythe will be greeted by a fashionable audience next Friday evening. Prices 25 cents, 50 cents and 75 cents.

There is yet no clue to the burglars who entered Clacher & Hill's hardware store Monday night. The authorities are still working on the case.

Haynes was elected Mayor of Moberly over Priest by about 500 majority.

Judge Theodore Brace, of the Supreme Court, was a guest at the Windsor to-day.

Don't fail to see advertisement of stock of goods and good will for sale at Martinsburg, Mo.

Inducements Extraordinary!

We take pleasure in announcing the fact that we have placed before the people the largest and handsomest line of OVERCOATS in all sizes and qualities ever brought to this market. Our SUITS for dress and business are equally as fine and durable. We certainly offer the best inducements in boys and children's wear.

When we say we can save you money by buying your CLOTHING and GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS we mean it, for we know we do so every day. We are at all times glad to see you. Should you need anything, and we believe you will, we can certainly suit you in style, quality and, above all, low prices.

Joe & Vic Barth,

North Side of Square.

J. M. Gahan, of Centralia, is here.

James Callaway is the guest of his son, Redman, Kansas City.

A much-needed oaken crossing was put in at the Ringo corner to-day.

There will be a temperance mass meeting at the Opera House next Monday evening. Elder S. M. Martin will deliver an address.

Charley Harrison, out south of town, lost a valuable horse last Sunday by the animal choking itself to death with a halter in a stable.

R. L. Wilburn left Tuesday for a tour of North Missouri in the interest of the Household Sewing Machine Company, of which he is agent.

Mrs. McCubbin, of the fashionable South Jefferson street restaurant, has the thanks of the Ledger boys for a basket of elegant ice cream and cake.

Jack Harrison shipped a car of horses to California Tuesday. They are the finest lot of animals ever shipped from this section, and will bring enormous figures in the "Golden State."

Mr. George Kabrich is completing arrangements to put a plate glass front in his Opera House. As the Ledger has had occasion to say before, every business house in Mexico should be improved in this way.

Jack Harrison, of Auxvasse, has just shipped a Montrose colt to Jno. Horner, a banker of Helena, Ark., for which he received a draft for \$500. The horse was a two-year-old stallion and worth every dollar of the money.

The ministers of this city have written to the Kansas City Herald, demanding publication of the name of the Mexico preacher, who, that paper alleges, owns a house of ill-repute in that town, and rents it knowing for what purpose it is used.

We are glad to know that T. P. Rixey, brother of W. J. Rixey, and family, will move to Mexico about May 1, having rented the Plunkett property in the Sixth Ward. Tom is general agent for the Cid Fellows' Mutual Aid Association, and a clever gentleman, just such as Mexico greatly extends greeting to.

A Fine Exhibit of Horses.

VANDALIA, Mo., April 7.—The breeders of fine stock of Ralls, Pike and Audrain counties held their annual horse show in this city to-day. A large number of horses, consisting of saddle, harness and heavy draft stallions were shown. The object of the show is to get the horses together and give the people some idea as to what kind of stock we have in this part of the country.

A man in St. Paul thought he would buy a diamond, but he wanted to be sure that he wasn't cheated, and he took an original method of convincing himself of the genuineness of the stone. He got permission to take it home for a night, and having heard that the diamond was the hardest substance known, he put the stone on an anvil and struck it a good sharp blow with a hammer. He paid for the gem, but there wasn't a piece left big enough to see with a microscope.

He Could Hold His Tongue.

A "mum social" was held in Fulton the other day, the most amusing feature of which was the "mum" period in the middle of the proceedings. Each gentleman present was required to keep silence for a period of ten minutes, the ladies to be at liberty to use any means, fair or unfair, to make him talk. The penalty of violation was a fine of 5 cents. Lan Rodas was besieged during the whole time by eight married and sixteen single ladies. He endured untold agonies and thought the ten minutes would never expire, but managed to control his tongue.

"Uncle Dick" Watts living several miles south of this city, died yesterday, of pneumonia, aged 69 years. He was one of the pioneers of this section. The funeral took place from the late home of the deceased at 10 o'clock this morning.

By order of the Conference.

FOR ARMSTRONG'S ARREST.

An Irate St. Louis Lady Wants the Manager Pulled for Dunning Her.

The following item from Monday's Chronicle explains itself: Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dirkes has issued a warrant for the arrest of A. G. Armstrong, of Mexico, on a charge of sending a libelous dunning letter to Mrs. Mary Vincil, formerly of Mexico, but now a forewoman in one of the harness stores in the city.

The letter was enclosed in an envelope bearing the legend, "bad debts collected," and is to the effect that unless she pays the debt at once she will be dunned mercilessly until it is paid.

The young lady says that she paid the bill and does not propose to pay it over again.

The gentleman referred to was seen at Kabrich's dry goods store Tuesday and when shown the above item by a reporter, said:

"Pretty rough, isn't it? but the facts in the case are these: For quite a long time this lady has owed our firm a small bill, of which we have repeatedly sent a statement. Time and again our letters were returned, unopened, and, finally, we sent one registered, in care of Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney, for whom Mrs. Vincil is working. This time we got a receipt and of course our notice was opened and read. But no money came. I am a member of the Sprague Collecting Agency, Chicago, and I at once set down and filled out one of the blanks furnished us by that concern, sending it to Mrs. Vincil."

Here Mr. Armstrong showed one of the blanks, which was an offensive looking card with a neatly printed heading, "Office of Sprague's Collecting Agency, Chicago, Incorporated." The names of the officers are given and, altogether, the little sheet is a very businesslike document. A few neatly worded lines urge the payment of the debt.

"That's what I sent," continued Mr. Armstrong, "and still no money was forthcoming. I then resolved to place the matter in the hands of the agency and sent Mrs. Vincil's name to Chicago. It was not many days until I received a stinging letter from the lady, of several pages. She denied the debt, and from the tone of her letter I was constrained to believe she had received a 'chromo' from the agency. These 'chromos' are immense envelopes, all over which is printed in glowing black letters, 'Bad debt,' 'Sprague Bad Debt Collecting Agency,' etc. As for her denial of the debt, that is merely her opinion. Our books show it to be unpaid; it is just and we want our money."

The envelope in which Mrs. Mary Vincil, of St. Louis, received a dunning letter from the Sprague Collecting Agency, Chicago, bears besides the address, the following, in very bold, black type:

"Sprague's Bad Debt Collecting Agency, 218 La Salle street, Chicago."

A very neat little printed sheet contains a brief statement of the account written in ink. Following is a verbatim copy of it:

"Sprague's BAD DEBTS COLLECTING AGENCY, Chicago, fourth letter, CHICAGO, 3-26, 1888.

Mrs. Mary Vincil, Dr. To A. G. Armstrong, 5.00

We find that the account which we notified you of some time ago is still unsettled.

Can you afford to have the public know that you refuse to pay this bill?

You may need credit again, sometime, but as long as this account remains in this unsatisfactory manner, it will be hard for you to obtain it.

If you desire to have credit with the merchants in your locality and maintain a reputation for honesty and fair dealing you will adjust this claim.

Call on, or write the party and make some kind of a settlement at once.

If you will pay part of it now for the balance, we will not crowd you for awhile.

Have the party to whom the bill is due write us at once, stating what arrangements you have made before we publish the delinquent list of your town.

Very Respectfully, SPRAGUE COLLECTING AGENCY.

P. S. Should you positively refuse to try to make any arrangement for a liquidation of this claim we will feel justified in advertising the same for sale in the newspapers, as well as to send you a statement regularly until the matter is settled. A delinquent list is published for the good and protection of the public, as well as a guide for business men in extending credit, as it contains the names of those who try to meet their obligations.